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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.) SY, GW

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT ASAD

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING ORAL MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT
ASAD FROM ME.

2. BEGIN MESSAGE: SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS JUST CONCLUDED
MEETINGS IN VIENNA WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO AND
WANTS TO INFORM PRESIDENT ASAD OF THE MAIN POINTS OF
THEIR DISCUSSION ON THE MIDDLE EAST, WHICH TOOK PLACE
FOLLOWING DETAILED TALKS MONDAY AND TUESDAY MORNING
DEVOTED LARGEMLY TO EUROPEAN AND BILATERAL MATTERS.

MR. GROMYKO STRESSED IN PARTICULAR THE SOVIETS'
POSITION THAT THEY SHOULD PARTICIPATE FULLY IN ALL
FUTURE MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS. THE SECRETARY ASSURED
MR. GROMYKO THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS PREPARED TO WORK
COOPERATIVELY WITH THE SOVIETS BUT COULD REACH NO
DECISIONS UNTIL IT HAS COMPLETED ITS CONSULTATIONS WITH
THE PARTIES AND CONCLUDED ITS POLICY REASSESSMENT. THE
SECRETARY AND MR. GROMYKO AGREED TO MEET AGAIN,
PROBABLY IN THE FIRST HALF OF JULY BY WHICH TIME OUR
REASSESSMENT WILL BE COMPLETED, FOR A FURTHER EXCHANGE

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OF VIEWS. MEANWHILE, WE HAVE MADE NO COMMITMENTS

WITH REGARD TO EITHER THE SUBSTANCE OR THE PROCEDURES
OF FUTURE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

MR. GROMYKO ALSO PROPOSED THAT WE JOIN NOW IN AN
INVITATION TO THE PLO TO PARTICIPATE AT THE GENEVA
CONFERENCE. THE SECRETARY EXPLAINED, AS HE HAS ON
PREVIOUS OCCASIONS TO PRESIDENT ASAD, WHY THIS WOULD
CREATE INSURMOUNTABLE DOMESTIC OBSTACLES FOR US AND
SHOULD BE DEFERRED TO A LATER TIME IF A STALEMATE
AT THE OUTSET IS TO BE AVOIDED.

THE SECRETARY LOOKS FORWARD TO MEETING IN
WASHINGTON WHEN A CONVENIENT TIME CAN BE ARRANGED,
WITH PRESIDENT ASAD'S REPRESENTATIVE AND TAKES THIS
OCCASION TO CONVEY TO THE PRESIDENT HIS WARM PERSONAL
REGARDS. END MESSAGE
KISSINGER

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